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| <b>Request<br/>For<br/>Continued Examination(RCE)<br/>Transmittal</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Mail Stop RCE<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | <i>APR 06 2006</i>          | <i>PTAB RCE</i> |
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|   | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | KUBO            |
|   | <i>Art Unit</i>             | 1772            |
|   | <i>Examiner Name</i>        | Chevalier       |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i>   | 26B-031- <i>RCE</i>         |                 |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
 

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  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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| Signature  | <i>James E. Barlow</i> | Date                              | 6 April 2006 |

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